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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 51 Emergency Order: 57, 58

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and Ugashik District fishermen. The time is 3:00 p.m. and the date is **Tuesday**, **July 10**, **2012**.

In Egegik: Escapement for July 9, was 22,000, catch was 134,000. Through July 9 cumulative escapement is 1.054 million and cumulative catch is 4.2 million sockeye. It is the department's intent to switch to the morning tide tomorrow. The strategy for fishing until the end of the season will depend on the progress of escapement.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Egegik District with set gillnet gear from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11.......an 8 hour period. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be permitted from 5:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11......a 7.5 hour period, and again from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Wednesday July 11...... a 4 hour period.

In Ugashik: Escapement for July 9 was 27,000. Through July 9, cumulative escapement is 138,000 and cumulative catch is 1.7 million sockeye. The inriver estimate is 200,000.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Ugashik District with set gillnet gear from 3:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2012...... a 9 hour period. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be permitted from 3:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Wednesday July 11, 2012..... an 8 hour period.

Fishermen in the Egegik and Ugashik Districts should stand by at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday July 11 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

| Read on VHF 7 and SSB 2509: July 10, 2012 3:00 p.m Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-57-12</u> and <u>2F-T-58-12</u> |
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